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My dear Mukerji,

I am duly grateful that Sir Alfred has found it possible to spare me his time & give me the benefit of his opinions & advice on matters connected with Silk. His visit has undoubtedly given an impetus to matters & I am glad to have had the opportunity of discussing them with him. I am sorry that I was not able to get over to Bangalore to see him, but I was fully occupied here.

Many thanks for your kind letter of the 3rd inst. I am very glad to hear that you are coming out to Mysore & I hope you will be able to stay with us. I shall be delighted to see you as well? I shall also like to have a talk with you & should like the members of Council too to give me their opinions on the proposals made in the report with regard to Indian States & what attitude they would advise me to adopt.

I am very pleased indeed to hear that Mr. Rau has been so much interested in Mulberry cultivation in recent years in Mysore. It seems to me, generally speaking, a moot point whether it is the Govt. or the people that make most money in this country. So long as the latter are not on their own, but what I like in the Kashmir System was the Central Silk Factory in which silk is produced from Cocoons after a very careful & elaborate process which ensures a high quality of silk. It is high time, if ever, before private enterprise can accomplish a work of this nature in Mysore. One might see how far the State can help the industry in this direction. Silk not being a State Monopoly, it is perhaps not so easy to have a central organisation in Mysore as there is in Kashmir.

So far, I have been having a very pleasant time here. I am going into the interior next week to visit the principal valleys.

I beg that the public may not be made aware of my retirement until a week before the date mentioned. A premature announcement will give me an infinity of trouble.

In view of His Highness's determination not to make any change in his attitude, I think this decision is highly satisfactory both to me and to the administration.

Apprising the favour of an early reply,

Yours Sincerely,

M. Visvanaya